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**Under
pressure**

**Base exercise
puts people
to the test**



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Photo by Airman Bradley Lail

Incirlik firefighters respond to a simulated fire Wednesday. Firefighter response exercises were just one aspect of the base's series of exercise scenarios last week. See related article, Page 3.

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Airman 1st Class Kyle Hendrickson, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness specialist, requests an ambulance via radio for Linda Towry, a family advocacy treatment manager, who played a "victim" during the base's missile-attack exercise Wednesday. (Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III) See related article, Page 3.

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Airman 1st Class Kyle Hendrickson (right), 39th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness specialist, and Staff Sgt. Peter Goering, 39th Communications Squadron maintenance support evaluator (Note: Sergeant Goering is on a temporary waiver exempting him from

the gas mask), try to calm Linda Towry, exercise volunteer and family advocacy treatment manager. Ms. Towry took on the role of a woman who experiences temporary insanity after a simulated missile attack.



Turkish firefighters strap Tech. Sgt. Timothy Thomas, exercise volunteer and 39th Maintenance Squadron quality assurance inspector, to a stretcher. Sergeant Thomas played a burn victim during a missile-attack exercise.

Base 'steps up' during exercise

By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Despite sweltering heat and an adjustment, for some, to 24-hour operations, base people successfully battled through their second weeklong exercise, a quarterly requirement initiated in February.

"I saw a great deal of enthusiasm during this exercise, which had a lot more twist and turns than February's five days of exercises," said Maj. Robert McNease, 39th Air Base Wing plans and readiness chief and exercise evaluation team chief. "We increased the difficulty and people rose to the occasion."

The exercise kicked off Tuesday morning at 6 a.m. with a surety exercise and continued practically nonstop through pre-dawn Friday. Scenarios included car bombs at lodging and the U.S. consulate, terrorist incidents on and off base, a severe weather incident, hostage negotiations, water contamination, various fires and suspicious packages. The base also faced missile attacks during an attack-response exercise.

The exercises were designed to test Incirlik's response to chemical and conventional attack threats and gave Airmen a taste of the physical inconveniences that would occur when wearing the chemical suit.

"It was challenging, but in a real-world situation, you have to step up despite the weather or personal circumstances," said Staff Sgt. Peter Goering, 39th Communications Squadron maintenance support evaluator who played an active role in the ARE. "It's good that we exercise under extreme conditions so we're prepared for anything."

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Clinic receives 'excellent' on inspection

By Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The clinic recently received an excellent and was re-accredited after a two-part inspection from the Air Force Inspection Agency and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations.

"We go through inspections like this because the Air Force is committed to delivering quality patient care," said Senior Master Sgt. Maggie Boyd, 39th Medical Squadron medical operations flight superintendent.

The two inspections were from separate agencies but occurred concurrently.

The AFIA administered a health services inspection and critiqued 108 elements. The Aerospace Medicine Flight received several perfect scores and Medical Support, Medical Operations and Dental Flights also received accolades.

"We are only the second medical treatment facility to receive a 90 (the highest score is 100) this fiscal year," Sergeant Boyd said.

The JCAHO provides a national standard of health care for both military and many civilian hospitals, and inspected 572 items from leadership, environment of care, continuity of care and more.

"JCAHO doesn't give a rating; they give an accreditation. We were accredited with many accolades for how well we comply with standards and render care," Sergeant Boyd said.

The inspections provide an unbiased eye to review and improve procedures and policies.

"Just like other organizations that undergo inspections, they (AFIA and JCAHO) ensure Air Force standards and policies are adhered to so every organization is poised to execute any mission assigned," Sergeant Boyd said.

Although stressful, inspections like these highlight what really matters to Sergeant Boyd – providing quality customer care.

"It is our pleasure to serve our great American patriots in peacetime healthcare and keep our great 'heritage of health,'" she said.



Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Miranda

Staff Sgt. Amanda Sais, 39th Medical Squadron oral hygienist technician, performs an annual cleaning on Staff Sgt. Joie Percy, 39th MDS health service management craftsman.

Exercise

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"I hope people walked away from last week's exercises more confident in their ability to perform under combat conditions," said Major McNease. "What I and the other 50 exercise evaluation team members saw last week was a lot of hustle and correct application in people's fields."

Although Major McNease scored the base an "A minus" for the exercise, there is room for improvement, he said.

"You couldn't be more wrong if you think the real work ended Friday morning," he said. "While we found out just how strong we are as a warfighting team, we also found out where we need to improve. If you find yourself tasked to fix a deficiency, remember, your solution will make this wing a more combat-ready force.

"To those who didn't perform to the standards we expect (during the exercise), remember it pays to have a healthy dose of paranoia," he continued. "In wartime, the most innocuous things can kill you. A canteen full of water, a mask you inspected, the auto injectors in your mask carrier and buddy checks can mean the difference between living to fight another day or being tagged and hauled to the morgue."

Major McNease said there are a few things people can do to set themselves up for success in future exercises, such as reading the Incirlik Air Base Concept of Operations; Ability to Survive and Operate guide, AF Handbook 32-4014, Volume 4; and Airman's Manual, AF Manual 10-100.

The CONOPS guide, which each exercise player must physically carry on their person during AREs, can be found on the Source at <http://source/39CES/Readiness/>

Readiness.htm or by requesting one through the unit full spectrum threat response representative.

Although pamphlets and Web sites carry a wealth of information, Major McNease said, ultimately, the keys to a successful exercise are enthusiasm and a sense of urgency when reacting to scenarios.

"Enthusiasm is contagious and for the first time since I've been here I heard exercise participants brag about Incirlik becoming the next Kunsan," he said. "They weren't doing it because we (EET) were there, but because they see the potential in our base population to perform to that same level of competency seen on the Korean peninsula."

Major McNease said initial planning for the next exercise, tentatively projected for September, is under way.

"I promise you will find it challenging and exciting," he said.

AEF deployment length stretches to 120 days

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Most Airmen scheduled to deploy in upcoming air and space expeditionary force packages will see their orders expand from 90 to 120 days.

The change in deployment length will begin with AEF cycle 5 in September. Those who deploy as part of AEF 1 and 2 should prepare for a 120-day deployment.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper announced the change in his "Sight Picture" on June 4. The reason for the change is that the requirement for deployable forces is not expected to decrease in the foreseeable future, he said.

"Simply put, the demands on our deployable forces have not diminished and are not expected to decline for some time," the general wrote. "Further, the Air Force component commander in the Central Command area of operations has asked us to deploy people for longer tour lengths to allow greater continuity for expeditionary commanders in the field."

To help extend tour lengths to 120 days, the entire AEF cycle was adjusted. The new cycle, now 20 months in length, allows for a four-month eligibility window and a 16-month training window.

"While the rotation is extending to 120 days,

the AEF cycle is also extending to 20 months and major commands are scrubbing their pool of 'non-deployables' to get more people in the bucket," said 1st Lt. Kristen Wood, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron readiness flight deputy commander.

"So, while you may be in the field for a few extra weeks, the extension of the cycle will give people four extra months of reconstitution and there will be a larger bucket to share in deployments."

General Jumper also said he intends to increase the pool of Airmen eligible for deployment. Currently, the Air Force has about 272,000 Airmen earmarked as deployment-eligible.

"I have asked all of our major commands to aggressively review the assumptions upon which they exclude Airmen from our AEFs and take immediate steps to maximize those postured (for deployment)," the general said.

The changes to the AEF cycle, while possibly difficult for some, should be considered by all Airmen as part of their commitment to the Air Force, General Jumper said.

Airmen currently deployed as part of AEF 7 and 8 and AEF 9 and 10 will still be held to the 90-day deployment schedule.

For more information about AEF deployments, people can go to the AEF Center Web site at <https://aefcenter.acc.af.mil/> or contact their unit deployment manager.

Space-A lodging window expands

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force Services Agency director here announced recently an expanded space-available reservation policy designed to maximize occupancy at lodging facilities.

Under the new system, lodging officials can accept and confirm space-A lodging reservations up to 30 days in advance based on low projected occupancy rates, Arthur Myers wrote in a policy memorandum.

The window for reservations decreases as the percentage of projected occupancy rises.

For example, when a projected occupancy rate is 65 percent or less, space-A guests can make reservations up to 30 days in advance. At 80 percent, the reservation window is two weeks. It is seven days for 85 percent, and three days for 86 percent or greater.

Under this new system, higher priority customers may not bump space-A customers with

confirmed reservations, Mr. Myers said. Neither can they be bumped once they are assigned lodging except during contingencies, emergencies or when the installation commander determines higher priorities exist.

Mr. Myers also said commanders may establish a policy limiting the number of days space-A guests may stay in on-base lodging to no more than 30 days per year.

"This new policy allows bases to accept space-A reservations in advance if they know they will have the room," said 2nd Lt. Megan Best, Hodja Inn lodging general manager. "It allows lodging operations and space-A travelers to plan more effectively for the future."

"People should encourage sponsors and PCSing personnel to make reservations as soon as a requirement is known," she added. (*Courtesy of Air Force Education and Training Command News Service*)



IN
BRIEF

Changes of command

Col. Mary Parker assumes command of the 39th Maintenance Group Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Turan Ballroom of the consolidated club complex. Pre-reception is in the Piper Lounge at 9:30 a.m. and post-reception is in the Istanbul Room. For more information, call 1st Lt. Elizabeth Culbertson, 39th MXG executive officer, at 6-1990.

Lt. Col. Kevin Leek assumes command of the 39th Operations Squadron from Lt. Col. John Costa Jr. June 18 at 1:39 p.m. in the Turan Ballroom with post-reception in the Istanbul Room. For more information, call Master Sgt. Edward Peers, 39th OS first sergeant, at 6-6327.

Runway closure

The runway closes July 19 to 29. Incoming and outgoing Incirlik flights will be cancelled during this time. For more information, call 6-8511.

Track renovations

The school track and football field is closed for renovations until further notice. For more information, call 6-3750 or 6-3043.

Mosquito fogging

The 39th Civil Engineer Squadron sprays for mosquitos Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at sunset in main base and housing areas. Incirlik Village is sprayed Tuesdays and Thursdays. People shouldn't walk, run or ride behind the chemical fog or mist vehicles. For more information, call 6-6846.

New cell phone charges

The 39th Comptroller Flight will soon start billing residential customers for calls from their quarters to private Turkish cell phones. The cost will be 720,000 Turkish lira per minute. Prior to this time, software limitations prevented the base from recouping these charges. Itemized calls will appear on monthly phone bills. Customers will also be billed each time a call is forwarded from a home phone to a cell phone at the same rate. For more information about phone rates and forwarding features, go to the residential telephone customer page on the Source. For questions about phone bills, call 6-COMM.



Photos by Senior Airman James Seymore III

(Top) Airman 1st Class Kyle Hendrickson (left), 39th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness specialist, and Staff Sgt. Peter Goering, 39th Communications Squadron maintenance support evaluator, perform self-aid and buddy care on Amber McCorkle, a 14-year-old exercise volunteer. **(Right)** Exercise volunteers help Amber to an ambulance.



Dream teen

Exercise team gets help from unusual volunteer

By Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Instead of chilling out in front of the television or playing a video game, a base teen elected an atypical pastime for her summer break — volunteerism.

During last week's exercise, Amber McCorkle, 14, played a protestor and a wounded employee, and generally helped out with scenarios the exercise evaluation team cooked up to improve base people's wartime readiness in a chemical environment.

"(Volunteering in the exercise) was really neat and exciting," said Amber. "It's important to exercise so all military personnel know how to react if it actually happens — they know what to do and where they need to go."

Amber recently arrived here from Guam after finishing up the school year early. Not one to sit around, she approached the school and asked them if they needed help.

"She got off the plane Tuesday, Wednesday we signed her up for next year's classes and Thursday she was volunteering with the school nurse," said her father Tech. Sgt. Paul McCorkle, 728th Air Mobility Squadron.

It was then she learned the EET was asking for help from base people to make exercise scenarios more realistic.

"I think it's great that Amber volunteered," said Maj. Robert McNease, 39th Air Base Wing readiness and plans chief, and EET chief. "We don't always have enough evaluators with 24-hour operations to realistically play out the scenarios. When we get people to volunteer as casualties, then EET can evaluate instead of playing casualties."

Role playing as a burn victim was one of the best aspects of vol-

unteering, Amber said. She started off the day with a medic applying realistic blood and cuts to her face and arm. She even had a large shard of glass protruding from her head.

Then she and two other volunteers laid in wait until after a simulated bomb exploded and personnel went outside to assess the damage.

"My friends thought it was cool because they're stuck at school doing work," she said.

Participating in the exercise was also a way for her to see what she might have to go through in a couple of years. She plans on becoming an Air Force pilot, more specifically, a tanker pilot.

"A couple of years ago, I was medically evacuated to Landstuhl (military hospital in Germany) and was the only kid on the plane," Amber said. "They let me go into the cockpit. It was neat being up in the air."

However, from observing what her father goes through in his military career, she knows serving the military isn't all fun and games, and leapt at the challenge to see what operating in a simulated chemical environment would be like.

Even though she never wore the chemical ensemble or mask during the exercise, watching people lumber around in the hot suit never swayed her end goal.

"If anything, this experience has strengthened my choice to come in the military," said Amber. "The people that responded to the scene when I was playing a burn victim kept trying to calm me down and follow up with the ambulance to get it there quicker. It felt like I was a part of the team."

The EET is trying to build a pool of volunteers for future exercises. Military and civilian people are welcome to participate. For more information or to volunteer, call Major McNease at 6-1063.

Ready, aim ...

Bo Benton, 39th Services Squadron youth sports director, aims for a clay bird at the skeet shooting range. Outdoor recreation offers skeet shooting Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only and open shooting Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 per round. "Skeet shooting is fast, takes concentration and is great for improving hand-eye coordination," Mr. Benton said. For more information, call 6-6044.



Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III



Swimming lessons — Swimming lessons start Monday. Classes are Mondays through Fridays from 8 to 10 a.m. Cost is \$20 for two weeks of instruction. For more information, call 6-3442.

Water aerobics — Water aerobics classes are offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call 6-6044.

Youth golf clinic — The golf course offers a youth golf clinic June 21 to 25 for ages 6 to 17. A graduation outing is June 28. Cost is \$29.95 per child and includes five group sessions, a hat, shirt, training booklet and tournament. For more information, call 6-8995.

Free golf instructions — The golf course offers people five minutes of free golf instructions from a professional. For more information, call 6-8995.

Swim stroke clinic — The base pool offers a swim stroke clinic through today from 6 to 7

p.m. Cost is \$15. To register, sign-up at the youth center. For more information, call 6-6670.

Lap swim — Early morning lap swim is Mondays through Fridays from 6 to 7 a.m. at the base pool. For more information, call 6-3442.

Bike maintenance — Outdoor recreation offers bicycle maintenance and repair from basic tune-up to parts replacement. For more information, call 6-6044.

Skeet and trap shooting — Outdoor recreation offers skeet and trap shooting Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment. Open shooting begins Saturdays at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10, and includes shells and clays. For more information, call 6-6044.

Belly dancing — People can learn belly dancing Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 6-6966.

Combat Hapkido — The fitness center sponsors Combat Hapkido Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 6-6086.

Scuba course — Outdoor recreation offers a scuba course, which includes training and Professional Association of Diving Instructors certification. Water training is provided in an indoor pool, plus four open water dives in

Kizkalesi. Cost is \$250. For more information, call Yasar Karalar, scuba instructor, at 6-6044 or e-mail incirlikdiving@yahoo.com.

Trotters and Striders Club — Keep a fitness center record of the miles walked or ran and qualify to win prizes. For more information, call 6-6086.

Softball season — Intramural softball games are at Arkadas Park's Field No. 1 Mondays through Thursdays at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 6-6086.

Massage therapy — The fitness center has two licensed massage therapists on staff. People can schedule an appointment Mondays through Sundays between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. For more information, call 6-6086.

Extreme Summer points — People can earn Extreme Summer points by submitting a FitPoints report. The report is at the FitLinxx Web site at www.incirlik.fitlinxx.com under "Workouts." For more information, call the fitness center at 6-6086.

Father's Day special — Dads can bowl for free all day June 20. For more information, call the Magic Carpet Bowling Center at 6-6789.

Extreme Summer Cosmic bowling — The Magic Carpet Bowling Center hosts a cosmic bowling tournament June 18. For more information, call 6-6789.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander

We're heading into the lazy days of summer, but as we all know, serving our country and the Air Force is never a slow-paced endeavor. Plus, it's prime-time PCS season and the process of retraining a new crew starts all over again. During the summer, many people are also taking their well-earned leave. So even though summer is meant to be a relaxing time, it can end up being a stressful time for many. Therefore, I urge you to make time for family and friends, continue with your exercise regime and make sure you find ways to reduce stress from your life.

Award winners

Congratulations to the library for winning the U.S. Air Forces in Europe 2004 Services Program and Flight Award for best library program. If you haven't visited the library lately, stop by soon and see why they're the best in the command!

Extreme Summer early prize winners

Action Line

Preparation, diligence keys to successful inspections

Concern: My concern is about the upcoming inspections on base. The purpose of staff assistance visits and unit compliance inspections is to learn what you're doing incorrectly and to provide training in some instances. It's not a time to pretend you've been doing flawless work every day or to impress inspectors.

What I don't understand is why do we have to do all this "catching up" to prepare for an inspection? Air Force Instructions, career development courses and checklists provide us with guidance on how we should perform our duties on a daily basis, not just for inspections. If the job is being done correctly all the time, there would be no need for pinging or stressing, trying to get things in order.

I perform my duties the way the Air Force says I should everyday, and I don't understand why I should have to suffer because someone else slacked off during their tour here. I shouldn't be condemned because someone thinks he or she will look bad in front of an inspector. If your program is be-

ing maintained the way it should, there would be no need for setting unreasonable suspenses to have things done before the inspection. It has de-motivated me a great deal. Incirlik is a really nice assignment, but it's times like this that makes it miserable to be here.

Response: You are on target with your comments regarding the purposes behind SAVs and self-inspections. They aren't to whitewash problems but to identify, document and show progress we are making to fix problems. An unfortunate side effect of the high operations tempo at Incirlik is throughout the past decade, due to Operations Northern Watch and Iraqi Freedom, a number of units let their self-inspection programs lapse. Make no mistake; we have to hustle to catch up. You're not alone in working harder and longer hours; just don't allow the extra work to deflate your motivation or sense of mission accomplishment. Your efforts will pay off when we get our UCI.

As you mentioned, people should start

Linda Kunder, 39th Contracting Squadron, and Senior Airman Chad Weis, 728th Air Mobility Squadron, both won the Extreme Summer early enrollment grand prize drawing and will receive an exciting trip to the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. Obviously, for these two lucky people participating in Extreme Summer paid off. Find out how to get involved and win prizes at www.extremesummer.com or call Jean Best-Richardson, 39th Services Squadron marketing director, at 6-8411.

Slow down ... and put safety first

We've had several speeding incidents lately. This is a small base and it doesn't take long to traverse it; breaking the speed limit is uncalled for. So leave a few minutes early to safely get to your location within the base's speed limits.

Also, talk to your people about the effects of driving under the influence and other safety violations. These incidents are on the rise — we need to constantly educate each other about the dangers and consequences of such actions.

Force protection

Terrorism is a reality of today's world, so take precautions not to stand out. Keep a low profile; make an effort to blend into the local environment. Avoid publicity, don't go out in large groups and stay away from civil disturbances. Let people know where you are going and above all, be alert for suspicious activity, and report suspicious activity if you see it.

Remember, every Airman is a sensor for antiterrorism and force protection! Taking these simple steps might save your life one day. Keep force protection in mind at all times — your life depends on it.

looking at how they perform their daily duties now. The key to success is knowing what is expected of you.

Be familiar with your AFIs and other guidance. If you find a problem, correct it. If everyone gets up to speed now, we won't struggle later on.

Thank you for your comments and reminding us of the need for "excellence in all we do" on a daily basis.

Commander's Action Line

The Action Line program provides an avenue for the Incirlik community to voice their concerns, complaints and opinions to Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander.

The program should only be used after you've tried resolving the issue through your chain of command.

Submit Action Lines by e-mailing action.line@incirlik.af.mil or calling the 39th Public Affairs Office at 6-6060. Submissions will be edited to 300 words or less. Questions and responses may be printed in the Tip of the Sword.



Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, *Host Nation Adviser*

Turkish superstitions

Question: I've observed a lot of Turkish people doing interesting and odd things since I arrived at Incirlik. I realized some of those acts are superstitions. Can you tell me about Turkish superstitions?

Answer: Turkey has been inhabited for more than 10,000 years, and more than 30 civilizations have passed through this country.

Turkey is considered a mosaic of cultures and beliefs. Therefore, we have hundreds of superstitions in Turkey.

Different regions observe different superstitions, and some acts that may be considered good by one region are considered bad by another.

For instance, if an owl hoots on the roof of a house, some regions believe the family will receive a message, while another region sees it as a signal of bad luck or death.

Despite the regional differences, there are many common superstitions. Some of them are very similar to American superstitions. Here are some of the most commonly observed superstitions:

- ♦ Walking under a ladder is a sign of bad luck.
- ♦ If a person breaks a mirror, he will have bad luck for seven years or somebody in his family will die. To prevent this, pieces of the broken mirror should be buried immediately.
- ♦ If a black cat passes in front of you, it's a sign of bad luck.
- ♦ If someone hands a cutting utensil — like a knife or scissors — directly to someone, people believe they will fight. To prevent a fight, the giver should put the utensil on the ground, table, desk or chair, so the receiver can pick it up.
- ♦ You should get out of the bed from the right hand side so that your day starts well.
- ♦ You should enter your house with your right foot so that you will have happiness in your house.
- ♦ A shop owner enters his establishment with his right foot so he'll get good business.
- ♦ You should not cut your nails at night. Turkish people believe you shorten your life

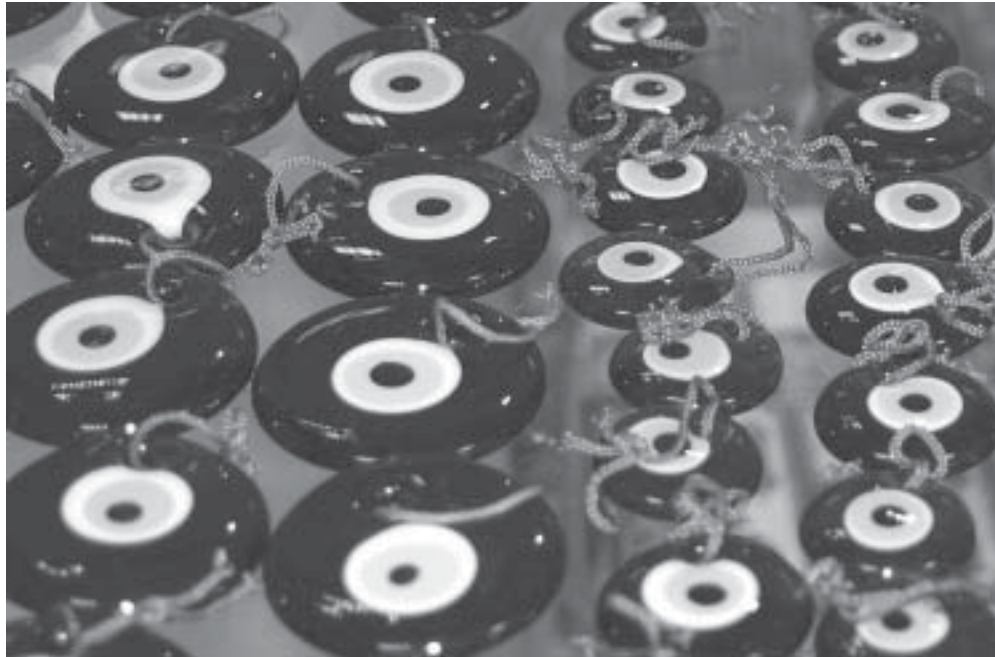


Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Miranda

The blue bead evil eye is rumored to ward off evil. The evil eye is just one of many Turkish superstitions.

by shortening your nails at night.

- ♦ You shouldn't whistle at night because it brings evil.

- ♦ You shouldn't sweep your house at night. Sweeping at night brings poverty to the house.

- ♦ Washing clothes on Saturday brings bad luck.

- ♦ If a woman with a headache enters a mosque and sweeps it with her scarf, her headache will go away.

- ♦ If a dog barks during the call for prayer, somebody in the neighborhood will die.

- ♦ If you see a snake on your way to somewhere, it's a sign of good luck.

- ♦ If you measure a baby's length, the baby will remain short.

- ♦ If a person steps over a baby, its considered bad luck since babies are assumed to be angels.

- ♦ If a young girl wears a married man's ring, she will have bad luck in her marriage.

- ♦ If a woman eats eggs during her pregnancy, her child will become very naughty.

Here are a few superstitions specific to particular regions:

- ♦ In Corum, people believe one who can eat pomegranate without dropping the pieces will go to heaven.

- ♦ In Eceabat and Canakkale, people place a spoon into the Kasikci Baba (a Turkish holy man) tomb, so that their wishes will come true.

Traffic jam

Question: Whenever I go to Adana after work, I see a long line of trucks before entering the city. I noticed traffic police directing

the trucks into a line. Why is that?

Response: You see that line in the mornings and evenings. I don't know if you noticed, but the same line occurs at the western entrance of Adana on E-5 highway as well.

To ease traffic congestion, trucks are banned from entering downtown Adana during peak traffic hours Mondays through Fridays from 7 to 9 a.m. and from 4 to 7 p.m. Trucks and busses running between cities are encouraged to use toll roads so they don't contribute to city traffic congestion.

In Turkish

merdiven - ladder
(mehr-dee-van)

sans - luck
(shans)

ruya - dream
(ruh-yeah)

sag - right
(sagh)

ayna - mirror
(i-nah)

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.



THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

Saturday

There is an end of school "Luau Blast" for ages 6 to 18. The event is from 3 to 7 p.m. at the youth center parking lot. The cover charge is \$5, which includes food and drinks. There will also be a pie throwing and dunking booth for \$1 each. Volunteers are needed from 2:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, call Christine Chalmers at 6-6670.

Monday

Summer Camp — The youth center sponsors summer camp June 14 through Sept. 3 from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Cost varies depending on salary. For more information, call Carrie Basaca at 6-6670.

Children's Movie Day Blowout — Enjoy the end of the school year with a fun-filled day of movies and snacks at the family support center. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

Stress management class — The family support center sponsors a stress management class to teach skills to deal with everyday stress from 1 to 2 p.m. at the FSC. The next class dates are June 21 and 28. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

Tuesday

Housing town hall meeting — Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander, hosts a town hall meeting 5 p.m. in the base theater to address housing occupants concerns. All dormitory and family housing residents are invited to attend. For more information, call George Katsihtis at 6-6232.

Thursday

Heart Link — A program specifically designed for military

spouses who have been with the Air Force five years or less is available at the family support center. Heart Link meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

Pittsburgh Steeler Visit — Meet Pittsburgh Steeler Hines Ward at several autograph sessions: youth center from 9 to 10:30 a.m., base exchange from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., community center from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Madden Football Tournament will occur at the same time; a prize will be awarded), and the bowling center from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information, call Jean Best-Richardson at 6-8411.

Thrift Savings Plan class — The family support center sponsors a Thrift Savings Plan class from 11 to 11:45 a.m. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

Upcoming

Improv Comedy — A free Improv Comedy with April Fools performance is June 18 at 8 p.m. in the club. For more information, call the club at 6-6101.

Teen lock-in — There is a teen lock-in at the base theater June 19 from 11 p.m. to June 20 at 7 a.m. All movies are rated PG-13. For more information, call Dawn Gravette at 6-2238.

Volunteers needed — The community center needs volunteers for a Tops in Blue performance July 18. For more information or to volunteer, call Nerissa Atkisson at 6-6966.

Home buying class — The family support center sponsors a home buying class. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

Ongoing

Volunteers needed for school advisory board — The Incirlik American Elementary School advisory board seeks volunteers for the 2004 to 2005 year. For more information, call 1st Lt. Chris Schmuke at 6-3122.



The above key is the solution for the crossword puzzle published in the June 4 edition of the Tip of the Sword. For more information, e-mail the Tip of the Sword staff at tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil.



Today

Project Cheer movie of the month — The free movie of the month is at the community center from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call the library at 6-6966.

Pizza night at Crossroads Café — The 39th Communications Squadron sponsors a pizza night at the Crossroads Café from 7 to 11 p.m. for ages 18 and older. For more information, call the chapel at 6-6441.

Saturday

Lasagna night at Crossroads Café — The Contemporary Service sponsors a lasagna night at the Crossroads

Café from 6 to 10 p.m. for all ages. For more information, call the chapel at 6-6441.

Tuesday

Project Wizard library book club — The library book club is now reading "Glorious Appearing: the End of Days" by Tim LaHaye. The book discussion is 7 p.m. at the library. For more information, call the library at 6-6759.

Ongoing

Limited Library Services — The library offers limited services until June 19, due to installation of new shelves. For more information, call the library at 6-6759.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. Bryan Wilson, Air Force Legal Services Agency/ Office of the Area Defense Counsel defense paralegal

Time on station: 10 months

Time in service: 10 years

Hometown: Stockbridge, Ga.

Hobbies: Golf, football and outdoor activities like hiking and fishing

How do you contribute to the air base wing's mission? We help guide, defend and advocate for Incirlik members, the European circuit (other U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases) and members in the Southwest Asia area of responsibility.

What do you like most about Incirlik? The food.

Why did you join the Air Force? I wanted a better life for my family.

What's your favorite motto? "Nothing can bring you peace but yourself." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

What Air Force core value best describes you and why? Integrity first. Before we can be trusted by others, we have to trust ourselves. We have to discipline ourselves to do what we say we will do, and have the moral and intellectual courage to be accountable for our mistakes and unafraid to speak up against something that is wrong or unjust.

Supervisor's quote: "Sergeant Wilson is an extremely effective office manager, who takes the initiative," said Capt. Julie Jiru, Area Defense Counsel attorney. "He is also an aggressive, intelligent and capable defense paralegal who has directly impacted the lives and careers of our clients for the better. If Sergeant Wilson came as an action figure, not sure what it would be called, but it would come with coffee in one hand and a bulldog banner in the other. If you want the straight truth about anything, just ask him."

YOUR TURN

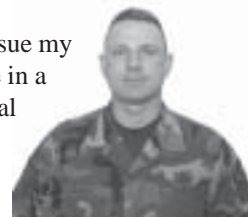


To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

June 14 is National Flag Day, a time set aside to celebrate what the U.S. flag symbolizes and the ideals America was founded on. What does being an American mean to you?

"The ability to pursue my own interests and live in a manner I find beneficial to me."

— **Master Sgt. David Baird, 39th Medical Squadron**



"I'm proud of the fact that we help to make the world a safer place."

— **Master Sgt. Henry McConnell, 39th Communications Squadron**



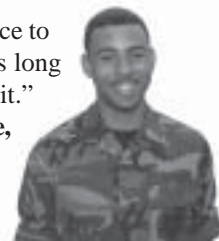
"Freedom to chose. As the career assistance adviser for the base, I'm proud of the fact my job is to help young people do what's best for them. In many parts of the world, the majority of people don't have the freedom to chose their career path."

— **Tech. Sgt. Roberta Williams, 39th Air Base Wing**



"The freedom of choice to do whatever you want as long as you put your mind to it."

— **Airman Johnny Ware, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron**



"I appreciate that we can express freedom, and I'm proud that I get to help other countries have the same liberties through serving in the military."

— **Tech. Sgt. Lionel Maybin, 39th Mission Support Group**



CLASSIFIEDS

For sale: 1994 2-door Chevy Beretta Z26 in good condition. Burgundy, 84,000 miles, 5-speed, P/W and P/D. \$2,500 OBO. For more information, call Tony at 6-8876 or 0533-655-4076.

For sale: Queen size four-poster bed with mattress from Redwood's Furniture. \$500 OBO. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Higgins at 6-6611 during the day or 6-5444 in the evening.

For sale: Large entertainment center that fits 61" television from Aydin's Furniture. \$1,100 OBO. Plus, starter golf bag and clubs are negotiable. For more information, call 6-5950 or e-mail puttnfool@freegolfinfo.com.

Free furniture: Black entertainment center in good condition. Perfect for dorm rooms. For more information, call Ashley at 6-5718.

For sale: 1993 six-cylinder, white and gray Grand Cherokee with 53,000 miles. For more

information, call Ayhan Tuncay at 0-312-245-0884 or 0-532-730-9971.

For sale: New tri-band Sony cell phone. Call Robert Canas at 6-5589 or e-mail robert.canas@incirlik.af.mil.

Job announcement: Central Texas College has a job opening for an early childhood development instructor. Applicants must have early childhood education or related degree/experience. For more information, call Mine Smith, Central Texas College field representative, at 6-6046.

Job announcement: The Massachusetts Air National Guard is recruiting for several positions. Serve the military while going to college. Massachusetts has free state tuition programs, even for non-residents. For more information go to www.maainguard.org or call Master Sgt. Deborah Shilaikis, Massachusetts ANG production recruiter, at DSN 698-1569 or e-mail recruiting@mabarn.ang.af.mil.

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Future leaders



(Above) The Incirlik American High School graduating class stand to accept their diplomas: *(from left to right)* Alexander Brown, Stephanie Cosper, Can Cummins (class valedictorian), Jaylan Ferrell, Alfred W.E. Hodges III, Lakia Pulliam, Martha A. Valdez III and Nicole Wickam. Allen Fluitt, Ashea Riley and Tahnee Yon also graduated but were not present at the ceremony.

(Right) Alfred W.E. Hodges III accepts well-earned praise from his mom, Dana, and father, Master Sgt. Alfred Hodges, 39th Medical Squadron diagnostic and therapeutic element NCO in charge.



AT THE MOVIES

Today

Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights (PG-13): Starring Diego Luna and Romola Garai. 18-year-old Katey moves with her father to Havana. Instead of joining the crowd of wealthy Americans in her new neighborhood, Katey befriends Javier, a poor waiter. Katey persuades Javier to partner with her in a national dance competition. Showing at 7 p.m. (87 minutes)



Spartan (R): Starring Val Kilmer and Derek Luke. Special ops officer, Robert Scott, and his protégé, Curtis, are assigned to find the missing daughter of a



high-ranking government official. The mission comes to an abrupt halt when the girl's death is reported in the media. But is she really dead? Showing at 9 p.m. (106 minutes)

Saturday

Secret Window (PG-13): Starring Johnny Depp and John Turturro. Mort Rainey, a successful writer, is in the midst of a painful divorce leaving him with a case of writer's block, when a psychotic stranger, John Shooter, shows up at his doorstep, accuses Rainey of plagiarizing his story and demands satisfaction. Showing at 5 p.m. (97 minutes)



Never Die Alone (R): Starring DMX and David Arquette. Half preacher, half Satan and all street smarts, King David recorded the story of his exploits on audiotape, leaving behind sermons on villainy and its consequences. The tapes reveal that the cycle of violence and retribution, which his actions have spawned, has come back to him full circle. Showing at 7 p.m. (88 minutes)



Sunday

Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights (PG-13): Showing at 7 p.m. (87 minutes)

Thursday

Never Die Alone (R): Showing at 7 p.m. (88 minutes)

At the M1

21 Grams (R) — 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and midnight (125 minutes)

The Day After Tomorrow (PG-13) — 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and midnight (117 minutes)

Lady Killers (R) — 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (104 minutes)

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG) — 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. (142 minutes)

Troy (R) — 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:45 p.m. and 9 p.m. (164 minutes)

The Prince and Me (PG) — 12:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (111 minutes)

For more information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140. The provision of movie information does not constitute an endorsement by the 39th Air Base Wing, U.S. government, Department of Defense or Department of the U.S. Air Force. For more information, call the theater at 6-6986.